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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to be able to report that, as the result of the extra penny charged for the magazine, we were able last term once again to cover our expenses. With the pleasing news of some small fall in the price of paper we hope that, provided that we can maintain our present circulation, our finances will soon be restored to a satisfactory position. It is our aim, as soon as costs fall, to reduce the price of the *Record* again to one shilling. As we have stated before, we do not wish to make a profit; all we want to do is to pay our way.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Dorothy Charques (née Taylor) has recently published a new novel, "Men Like Shadows," a story of the Third Crusade.

W. G. Gray has become an Associate of the Institute of Bankers.

Marion Young has obtained her M.P.S.

E. G. Gray has gained a B.A. degree with second class honours in history at Oxford University.

E. L. Earp, as agent for the contractors, Messrs. Edmund Nuttall, Sons and Co., has been in control of the great engineering project, the Claerwen reservoir. He was among those presented to Her Majesty the Queen when she opened the reservoir in October.

A. M. Hill is now serving with the R.E.M.E. in the Sudan.

Among Old Scholars who have recently joined the Forces are : M. Fogg (Royal Navy), C. Buckley (Army), T. W. Haynes, J. S. Pritchard, P. J. Norden and B. J. Wesson (R.A.F.).

Monica Locke has obtained the Certificate of the National Nursing Examination Board.

In a tennis match with the School, played on Tuesday, July 22nd, an Old Scholars' team won by 6 sets to 3 sets. The Old Scholars were represented by R. Bunting and C. Winnett, E. Holder and N. Smart, R. Kinnersley and K. Wilson.

Mrs. Dora Moss (née Clay) won the premier award in the Redditch Drama Festival.

BIRTHS

- On July 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Ison—a daughter.
 On July 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Clark (née Jacqueline Steele)—a son.
 On August 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Farquhar—a son.
 On September 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ward—a daughter.
 On October 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Earle (née Freda Summers)—a son.
 On October 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Cernenoks (née Nadine Davis)—a son.
 On October 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Walker—a daughter.
 On November 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. L. Taylor (née Jacqueline Stewart)—a daughter.

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MARRIAGES

- On July 24th, at Binton, Stanley Badcock to Joan A. Prosser (scholar, 1941-46).
 On August 1st, at Shotton, Robert Samuel Albert Harvey to Gwendoline Iris Bloxham (scholar, 1938-44).
 On August 2nd, at Studley, Brian Jones (scholar, 1943-48) to Mary Rowland (scholar, 1936-48).
 On August 16th, at Studley, Rivers M. Freeling (scholar, 1937-44) to Diana W. Rimmer (scholar, 1935-40).
 On August 20th, at Redditch, Ernest J. Cassell (scholar, 1939-44) to Joan H. Hill (scholar, 1941-45).
 On August 20th, at Stratford-on-Avon, William Roy Covell to Mary Elizabeth Goodall (scholar, 1937-44).
 On September 20th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Frederick George Barkworth to Annette Elizabeth Slaughter (scholar, 1943-46).
 On September 27th, at Stratford-on-Avon, Robert Gravestock to Muriel Anne Compston (scholar, 1942-47).
 On October 4th, at Pebworth, George Robert Lucas (scholar, 1941-44) to Margaret Ashley Power.
 On October 11th, at Alcester, Peter Baylis (scholar, 1939-43) to Daisy Ellen King.
 On October 28th, at Alcester, Philip Crosta to Doreen A. Villers (scholar, 1936-43).
 On November 5th, at Ipsley, John Mervyn Hemus to Heather Vale (scholar, 1942-46).

MALVERN IN NOVEMBER

On Saturday morning, November 15th, nine members of the hockey teams, accompanied by Miss Smith, left Alcester by bus for Malvern. It was a typical November morning, but even the disappointing weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm and excitement of the party. With the exception of one, this was the first time that any of us had had any experience in "Youth Hostelling."

Our first stop was at Evesham, where we decided to continue the journey on foot. We trudged happily along, complete with rucksacks,

and, after walking a considerable distance, we were offered a lift, which was gratefully accepted, as there was now a steady drizzle. We were taken within a few miles of Great Malvern, and the remainder of the journey was quickly covered, as we were eager to reach our destination—and lunch!

In the afternoon, it was decided unanimously to brave the elements and make our way over the hills to Malvern Wells, where we were to stay the night at a Youth Hostel. Visibility was now reduced to five yards, and the delightful views which attract so many visitors in the summer months were now completely obliterated.

The Hostel was reached by 4.15 p.m., and we thankfully discarded our rucksacks and damp attire in the drying room. In the intervals before and after supper we amused ourselves with card games and reading at a large table by an open fire in the common room. At bedtime it was obvious that the practical jokers had been at work, and there were many stifled giggles when certain unfortunate members had difficulty in settling down in their bunks.

On Sunday morning, before leaving the Hostel, we each did our share of the domestic duties. At 10 a.m., we once again climbed the hills, now bathed in sunshine. A fresh morning breeze was blowing as we made our way over the hilltops to the British Camp, where we had a lovely view of the reservoir. The sun had changed the dull brown of the dying bracken into a burnished gold and this contrasted with the fresh green grass and gorse on the hillsides. Very reluctantly we turned our steps in the direction of Great Malvern, where we were to board the bus for home.

It was a week-end in November we shall long remember.

WENDY LOVELL (V.B).

A FORTNIGHT ON THE CONTINENT

This year the summer holidays saw me cycling in France and Belgium with three friends. Although it rained practically every day we enjoyed discovering what it is that makes the French people different from the English.

A good example of this can be seen in French drivers. Immediately a French driver sees a cyclist on the horizon, he informs him of his presence by blaring at him with his horn—a piece of mechanism just about the noisiest thing in creation. He repeats his alarm as he thunders past, driving on the wrong side of the road to allow maximum clearance, and then once again for luck as he races away. This procedure applies to all approaching traffic, of course, but even after these noisy precautions we saw quite a number of cars wrapped round trees.

The gendarmes are very different from our constables. In Brussels, they stand in the middle of the road, directing traffic with their white batons waving furiously, and blasting away on their whistles. The results obtained were no better than when traffic is directed quietly and efficiently by a London policeman.

When a gendarme has a chance to use his revolver he does it with all due effects. In Paris, a cat was crawling along the pavement with most of its inside hanging out. A nearby gendarme turned it over with his foot to examine it. After a sufficient pause to draw a substantial crowd, he drew his revolver with a flourish, and with great artistry put a bullet through its head.

The French housewife is not as particular about hygiene as her opposite number in England. The long loaves of bread can be seen lying on the pavement by the side of her shopping basket, or propped against the counter as she chats with the shopkeeper. We personally found that the best way to carry these ungainly things was to strap them behind our saddles with our capes. If they did gather any germs we are still alive to tell the tale!

Whenever we stopped in one of the villages we soon had a group of children round us, gaping at our obviously foreign machines.

The strange surroundings, the peculiar habits and all the other things that differed from our own country, all went to make an enjoyable holiday.

But the cobbles! Oh the cobbles! None of us remember those with pleasure; need I explain further?

J. AULTON (IV.B).

AT AN AERODROME

In my summer holidays I went to Manchester to stay with my aunt. As she kept a shop, we could only go out on a Sunday, so the latter being the third day I was there, my cousins and I, accompanied by my aunt and uncle, set off in the car. We drove about twelve miles, and then parked the car in the drive of an aerodrome. It was "Ringway," the biggest airport in the North.

We walked to the barrier and saw above us three jet planes preparing to land. After watching them come down, we saw them pushed into the hangars. My cousins and I went on ahead to the opposite side of the aerodrome and had our tea, the others joining us later. We sat at a corner table and saw a French airliner land, and saw a "Rapide," which was a pleasure-trip plane. I asked my father if I could go on a trip, and he said I could. We walked on to the tarmac and waited for the plane to return from its previous flight.

We sat in the plane and the engines roared into life. We taxied along the runway and rose up into the wind. I was sitting at the back of the pilot and saw the speed at which we were travelling; it was one hundred and seventy miles an hour. Underneath, the fields looked the size of postage stamps and the cows like flies. The pilot then dipped the plane on its side. What a queer sensation! The earth looked topsyturvy. Then as we came nearer to the ground on our return, the earth seemed to rush towards us. I waited for the bump, but it did not come. The plane landed and ran forward a short distance, then stopped and we alighted. What a thrilling experience this first trip was!

PRISCILLA APPERLEY (III.A).

WHEN I GROW UP

"And what are you going to do when you leave school, dear?" Oh, how many times am I asked this question! I usually avoid the issue by replying vaguely that I have not yet made up my mind. This query used not to worry me in the least, but now that the time to leave school is drawing nearer I am beginning to wonder at what occupation I shall earn my living.

Sometimes I dream of being a learned teacher, for teachers really get such lovely long holidays. Then, on looking round at some of my form-mates and seeing in them examples of types I should have to teach, I change my mind immediately.

Often I imagine myself as being a tall, slim and elegant mannequin, gracefully turning to show off some glittering evening gown. However, a quick glance in a mirror hastily dispels this idea.

Perhaps the life of a policewoman would suit me better. But I suppose a policewoman's life is not so adventurous as we like to believe. For parading a lonely beat with weary feet and directing erratic traffic with a weary arm is not exactly romantic.

My mother thinks secretarial work is very right and proper work for a young girl. However, the picture of myself seated, sedately seated, on a straight-backed chair, primly and efficiently precise, typing a business letter does not appeal to me in the least. The picture of myself clad in a Persil-white overall, leaning over some experiment in a glass laboratory, busily preparing something bigger and better than the atom and hydrogen bomb, pleases me more.

I should love to be a great musician, dancer, singer or star. However, the fact that I can neither play, sing nor dance, and that my other "talents" are as yet undiscovered, rather puts me back.

I could go on for ages talking and surmising about my future life, but I must tell you my real favourite career. It is nursing. Although I prefer not to think of the lectures and examinations involved, the nursing back to health of sick people appeals to me very much.

Perhaps, if I can't eventually decide, I will just get married and raise a family. Then at night, after a day's housework (which, I add, is not one of my best points), I shall sink happily into an armchair and dream about the future of my children.

BERYL POPE (IV.A).

SHOULD BOYS LEARN TO DO HOUSEWORK?

Naturally there are two very different points of view on this subject, that of the girls and that of the boys.

I have a younger brother, who is away at boarding school during the term-time, so that when he comes home he does not like to do household tasks. I am told that most boys object to being made to do housework, but I think that those who are at day school should give a little help in the house.

When my brother comes home for his holidays, he is quite helpful sometimes. If he manages to shoot anything, he prepares it for the table

himself. This pleases my mother, who particularly dislikes doing those jobs. He hates household jobs, but often he will spend a whole day either in the garden or mending household utensils.

Whether boys acquire a taste for housework as they grow older is another point for discussion. I know many men who enjoy doing household jobs, such as cleaning metals and arranging flowers, apart from the fact that there are many chefs in this country, and it is generally acknowledged that they are better cooks than women.

From a boy's point of view I should imagine that general housework would seem a most tiresome occupation, but I believe that, occasionally, they like to do their own work. I know three boys who did their own housework for a week-end. Really, they quite enjoyed it, but none of them made their beds, or did any of what they considered to be "unnecessary tasks," meaning sweeping, dusting and other such jobs.

In conclusion, I should think that if boys and men were left for long enough they would become just as "domesticated" as women, and learn to look after themselves: but while women are about to do these household and domestic tasks they will leave them to the women. But I think that boys should do a few jobs in the house, so that if the need arises they are able to look after themselves.

JILL BUNTING (V.A.).

SHAKESPEARE, ON VISITING STRATFORD MOP

On October 11th, 1952, I wakened to find myself back in my old bed in Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. I heard a noise in the distance and hastened to find out what it was. I went to Wood Street, and there I saw men "... With busy hammers closing rivets up. Giving dreadful note of preparation ..." (*Henry V.*).

Later I discovered 'twas the olde mop. I decided to go the next day, but was advised by my friend "... "Put money in thy purse ..." (*Othello.*)

Together we set off, first visiting the coconut shies, where my friend made "... "A hit, a very palpable hit" (*Hamlet*); nevertheless he failed to win a coconut. We continued till I spied horses in the distance, so we rushed to the spot, crying: "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse" (*Richard III.*). Having seated ourselves, there began a circular motion, during which the beast rose and fell in a vertical movement. Very pleasant indeed!

We then proceeded, but found the progress very difficult, for a great multitude of people surged about us, wearing peculiar bonnets, hats, etc., with such brazen slogans as "Kiss me quick" or "I'm a lad, I am!" A number of people seemed to be eating something out of a printed paper, from which emerged "... a very ancient and fish-like smell" (*Tempest.*)

On we went, and soon we arrived at a huge barrel, which we heard described as a rotor. We went in, but I cannot attempt to describe this thing; suffice to say that we stuck on the wall as flies on venison. I turned to my friend and shouted "... "it goes much against my

stomach" (*As You Like It*). As we left I murmured in his ear . . . "A thing devised by the enemy" (*Richard III.*). My friend asked me which I preferred, the horses or the rotor; but I interrupted, saying . . . "Comparisons are odorous" (*Much Ado About Nothing*).

Next we visited the fire-eater's tent. My friend was amazed and startled, but I yelled . . . "What, frightened with false fire?" (*Hamlet*), and went on to say . . . "I know a trick worth two of that" (*I. Henry IV.*).

There was also a female who, in scanty attire, climbed into a box and was sawn in two. When the box was opened we expected to see a gory mess, but instead she had . . . "melted into air, into thin air . . ." (*Tempest*). I marvelled at this, but my friend sneered: "A man can die but once . . ." (*II. Henry IV.*) Think ye there is not a trick, for she does this all night.

Next came the wheel, a truly terrifying machine. When we came off it I gasped . . . "He that is giddy thinks the world turns round . . ." (*Taming of the Shrew*).

With much trepidation we approached the Octopus. It must be confessed we were frightened so at this devilish contraption, and so we tied our belts to the seats, murmuring: "Blow wind, come wrack; at least we'll die with harness on our back" (*Macbeth*).

The next attraction was a machine where animals circulated two by two. We rode on this, but the speed was too much for me. I lost my balance—and fell. My friend came up to me and tried to persuade me to try again, but I replied: "Nay, nay, my friend . . . Press not a falling man too far" (*Henry VIII.*). ". . . Our revels are now ended . . ." (*Tempest*).

PATRICIA WELLUM (V.B).

OLLA PODRIDA

Charles Darney, writes P.B., was an Englishman who had been nationalised.

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P.A. remarked that the difference between two goldfish was that one was small and the other was little.

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Alan Breck, says R.B., was potted with chicken-pox.

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Who has learnt to apply artificial restimation?

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A.J. informs us that firs have combs.

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A Sixth form girl, whose leg had become dead with the cold, went out for a walk and tells us that when she reached home it had come back.

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If an animal is very bad, writes D.B., we should 'phone the veteran surgeon.

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Can J.A. tell us what is a "wreckreation ground"?

NOTES AND NEWS

The Autumn term opened on Monday, September 15th, and closes on Tuesday, December 23rd.

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The head boy is Savage i, and the head girl Barbara Druller.

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Prefects this term are :—*Boys* : Savage i, Bolt i, Feast i, Goward, Mortimore, Paxton, Peace, Aspinwall, Davis, Keyte i, Lane, Miller. *Girls* : Barbara Druller, Pat Aspinwall, Pat Elmore, Kathleen Highman, Ann Palmer, Mary Bunting, Sheila Hall, Jacqueline Aalbrecht, Maureen Bryan, Jill Bunting, Wendy Lovell, Marion Taylor.

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Sides Captains are :—*Brownies* : Mortimore, Sheila George (Games), Ann Palmer (Arts and Crafts); *Jackals* : Savage i, Pat Aspinwall (Games), Barbara Druller (Arts and Crafts); *Tomtits* : Lane, Mavis Bennett (Games), Pat Elmore (Arts and Crafts).

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The football captain is Savage i, the hockey captain Pat Aspinwall, and the netball captain Kathleen Norton.

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The School photograph was taken on Thursday, July 10th.

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On Monday, July 14th, a party from the Sixth attended a one-day conference on "University Life," at Birmingham University.

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Sports Day was held on Thursday, July 17th. A summary of results appears on another page.

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The girls' senior tennis tournament was held on Monday, July 21st, and the junior tournament the next day.

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On Thursday, July 24th, the annual tennis match, played between the Staff and the Sixth, resulted in a victory for the Staff by 28 sets to 8 (157 games to 89). The teams were :—*Staff* : Mr. Davison and Miss Jolley, Mr. Druller and Miss Lavery, Mr. Ames and Miss Young, Mr. Hadwen and Miss Morris, Mr. Petherbridge and Mrs. Baker, Mr. Thornton and Miss Hewitt; *Sixth* : Buckley and Pat Aspinwall, Savage and Barbara Druller, Fogg and Drusilla Mortimore, Warburton and Jill Kempster, Bradley and Hilary Young, Gowers and Pat Elmore.

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In the final of the tennis Challenge Cup competition, played on Thursday, July 30th, Barbara Druller beat Pat Aspinwall 6—4, 6—4.

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In the afternoon of the same day, the Dramatic Society entertained the Second and Third forms with readings and games. Form II.B gave a Finger Puppet show.

A history play was acted by the Fourth forms before an audience of the Fifth and Sixth.

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Cricket colours were presented to Buckley, Goodman, Malin and Watton; tennis colours to Jill Bunting; and rounders colours to Mavis Bennett, Sheila George, Pamela O'Nions and Susan Salmons.

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The picture awarded for the neatest form room was won by II.A.

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During the week August 9th—16th, a party of boys and girls of Workington G.S. (Cumberland), with their Headmaster, Mr. E. H. Mander—a former pupil of our school—and other members of their Staff, spent a holiday in the Alcester district, using the school as their headquarters, and being catered for by Mrs. Rutter and the canteen staff.

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At the beginning of the present term, the newly-erected Woodwork and Cookery centres on the school premises were brought into use. Mrs. Baker has now taken charge of the cookery, and Mrs. Rance has been appointed to teach the needlework classes.

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This term we welcome to the Staff Miss S. Y. Smith to teach girls' Physical Training and Games.

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Also M. P. Leroy, who is assisting with the teaching of French.

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On the results of the General Certificate of Education examinations held in July, County University awards have been made to Bradley, Gowers, Barbara Druller and Jill Kempster.

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The former Sixth form classroom is gradually being transformed into a Library; its walls have been lined with bookcases, and the books from the various sectional libraries are being steadily transferred to it. The Sixth have moved across to the former Domestic Science room as their new form-room.

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From the beginning of term until mid-November the County Mobile Dental Van has occupied a position in the drive near the main entrance to the school, and Mr. Bastow has attended to the dental requirements of a large number of pupils.

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On Wednesday, October 8th, a party comprising the Third forms and members of the Sixth, with Mr. Petherbridge and Mrs. Baker, visited the Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre to see a performance of "As You Like It."

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At an inter-schools hockey rally in Birmingham on Saturday, October 18th, the A.G.S. girls 1st XI. became Junior Champions of Warwickshire, sharing the title with Sutton Coldfield G.S.

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Half-term was taken at the week-end October 31st to November 3rd.

The Army Cadet Corps has this term been revived in the school. Details will be found on a later page in this magazine.

Among new activities arranged this term for Friday afternoons are a Mathematics Society, a Science Society and a Woodwork Society.

We are indebted to Aims of Industry Films Ltd. for an entertaining film show given in the Physics laboratory on Friday, November 14th. The films exhibited were: "What is Rubber?", "From Cane to Cube," and "As Old as the Hills" (dealing with oil).

HAS SCIENCE DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD?

This question has been talked about for years now, and still people are not agreed about the answer. I myself think that science has done more good than harm! This seems a very bold statement, but there are so many points in favour of science that they completely outweigh the fact of the two terrible World Wars which have taken place within the last half-century.

As I sit here I can feel the heat of the gas fire, and although it is night-time I have plenty of light to see what I am doing. Both these things, light and heat, are products of science, providing comforts for human beings. If it could be imagined that science did not exist, nobody would be able to do anything after dark, and if a letter had to be written by me, I should have had to do it in the daytime, and it would be probably on a clay tablet, written with a piece of stick. Instead of being in a warm house, well clothed and well fed, I should be in a draughty cave, wearing nothing but some animal skin.

Of course, there is not only the question of comfort, but the question of travelling. If it were not for science, we should not have cars, aeroplanes and ships to transport us, let alone trains and buses. All the travelling would have to be done on foot, or horse-back, and you would only be able to travel a short distance. To think that you would never be able to get away from that nagging mother-in-law!

There would also be the question of food. This would have to be hunted for with sticks and stones, for without science there would be no guns or traps. Just supposing you were lucky and caught a bird or a rabbit. How would you light a fire to cook it? There would not be any matches, and it would take a very long time to make a fire by rubbing two sticks together.

Another major point in favour of science is the progress effected in the field of medicine. Think of the hundreds of lives science has saved by drugs, operations and medical instruments. In reply to this, many people would ask how many lives guns and explosives have taken. This is true, but in the last World War many slums were cleared out, through bombing and warfare, and this in some ways was a good thing.

From all these points it can be clearly seen that science plays an enormous part in our lives, and on the whole I think that science has done much more good than harm.

H. FEAST (VI.)

IN A TELEPHONE KIOSK

Two friends of my uncle went to a telephone kiosk a few yards away from the house. Mr. Blood is very fat and Mr. Wed is not very thin. Mr. Hollis likes to play jokes on people, so, while they were telephoning, he tied a thick piece of rope round the kiosk.

When Mr. Blood and Mr. Wed found that they could not get out they said: "Let's telephone Bill Hollis." Mr. Wed got some money out of his pocket, but he dropped it on the floor. Mr. Blood being so fat and Mr. Wed not so thin, they could not bend down to pick it up. They were there till a policeman came off duty early in the morning, and he let them out of the kiosk.

Surprisingly enough, this is true.

AUDREY EAST (I.B).

CONCERNING TELEVISION

The H's, X's and I's which were formerly to be seen perched on one chimney in every street are fast becoming more commonplace and familiar to the eye. With the advent of television has come the inevitable, though rather natural, suggestion that it is a menace. The question of its effect on the lives of the people is controversial, and is often narrowed down to the effect it has on children (and their homework). I contend that, though no pupil enjoys doing homework, most regard it as an essential duty, though some prefer to "skip" it wherever possible. If we assume this, the question becomes limited to—is the homework done with the same amount of care? Where there is a T.V. set in the home, most children probably enjoy viewing their (Children's) Hour. If this was the extent of their viewing, there would remain ample time in which to complete their homework. But what of the later programmes? Here the age of the child should be considered and the discretion of the parents exercised. When they first become the proud possessors of a set, they are inclined to watch consistently, regardless of the type of programme shown. But, as the novelty wears off, the viewers become selective.

Television is similar to all forms of entertainment in this respect. Viewed in moderation it is a pleasure, with an educational value; in excess it might well become a curse to modern civilisation.

ANN SWINGLEHURST (IV.A).

THE BEST PART OF THE DAY

The morning is the time to sweep,
And scrub and dust and shine,
To boil and hang the washing out,
All fresh upon the line;
To brush the hearth and make the beds,
And set the rooms to air,
To polish floors and shake the mats,
And straighten up the chair.

The afternoon has leisure hours,
When one can sit at ease
And read and knit, or pay a call,
Or walk just as you please.
The afternoon's the lazy time,
To spend just as we may,
But for me the busy morning hours
Are the best part of the day.

JUNE BOUGH (III.B).

THE TASTY TOOTHPASTE

Mary was a small girl of seven years. She lived with her mother and father in a bungalow in the village. This special morning she was in a hurry to get to school. She rushed into the bathroom to wash and clean her teeth. She hurriedly washed, then looked for the toothpaste. After a while she became very impatient, as she could find no toothpaste. "Mother," she called, "where is the toothpaste, please?" "I think it is in the medicine chest, dear," mother replied. "Oh, thank you," said Mary. At once she picked up something which she thought was toothpaste, and gave her teeth a rub. Away she put the toothpaste and went to put on her coat. "Did you find the toothpaste, Mary?" asked Mary's mother. "Yes, I did, but it had the most horrible taste." "Horrible taste?" said her mother. "Come and show me it." Mary took her mother and showed her the toothpaste. "Goodness me," she exclaimed, "you have used your father's shaving cream." Mary had to start all over again and clean her teeth with proper toothpaste.

ANN WESSON (II.A).

MY PET

I have a cheeky little dog,
With ears as soft as silk.
Sometimes he's really naughty,
For he drinks my pussy's milk.

When I take him for a walk,
He's mostly very good.
But other times he's really bad,
And pulls me in the mud.

The very naughtiest thing he did,
Was when I had gone out.
He took a cushion from a chair,
And pulled the feathers out.

JENNIFER WEAVER (I.B).

WE WENT DOWN TO ZUMMERZET

On Friday, July 25th, 99 pupils and staff from Alcester Grammar School went on a coach trip, organised by Mr. Petherbridge, to Cheddar, Wookey Hole and Wells.

We travelled in three coaches, and left Alcester about 9.15 a.m., and enjoyed the ride via Teddington Hands, Tewkesbury and Gloucester to our first stop on the downs at Bristol, where a sandwich lunch was eaten. Approaching the Mendips we passed along narrow, high-banked winding roads, and up steep hills, from one of which we obtained a lovely view of the surrounding countryside. On arriving at Cheddar, via the Gorge, the party split up into two groups, one visiting Gough's caves, the other Cox's, then changing over. In Gough's caves the "Swiss Village" caused much interest, as did the effects caused by lights in "King Solomon's Temple," giving the effects of sunset and dawn. We were told that the hills above the caves were five hundred feet high, and that some crevices went three hundred feet up into the hills. In both caves there were

stains on the limestone caused by different minerals. Some of the stalactites and stalagmites, which each grow at the rate of one cubic inch every thousand years, are diaphanous, and when illuminated from behind give queer effects. In Cox's caves we had to stoop under low arches and squeeze through narrow gaps, but it was worth it for the spectacle seen.

After photographs had been taken, and everybody collected, we set out for Wookey Hole. We went into the caves, of which only three are open to the public. We were told of the legend of the Witch of Wookey, of the inhabitants between 400 B.C. and 200 A.D., and of the present-day explorations of frog-men divers. Because of a dam built outside, the water is unfortunately now too deep to wade to where many human sacrifices took place. As in all the caves, the temperature at Wookey Hole was in the fifties, and is constant throughout the year.

After leaving the caves we had tea in the restaurant, watched swimmers in the bathing-pool, and then went on to Wells. We visited the cathedral, where some of us were lucky enough to see and hear the famous clock strike five. Then, after getting a supply of papers to read on the return journey, we set off via Bath, Stroud and Painswick, stopping at the Royal William Hotel, at Cranham, for light refreshment.

We then went on down Painswick Hill, past two inviting signposts to Paradise (which we did not visit), to Cheltenham and Evesham.

There a reshuffle of the party was made, as the three coaches went to Stratford, Alcester and Studley respectively. Alcester was reached just before ten o'clock, and there ended a very enjoyable day for ninety-nine members of the school who would usually not like twelve and a half hours of continuous geography.

R. M. BOLT (VI.).

A VISIT TO THE DENTIST

The dentist says: "Now open wide,"

As I sit upon his chair.

He says: "I'll take a look inside,
And see what you have there."

"There's one tooth here you'll need no more.

A second that needs filling,

An injection here on the bottom jaw,

We'll start with 'pneumatic' drilling."

He sticks the needle in my gums,

And fills them with cocaine.

This is worse than doing sums;

My mouth is filled with pain.

Now he's boring with his drill.

Ouch! it's playing on the nerve.

I sit there waiting, tense and still;

It's more than I deserve.

Wow! At last the job is done,

The very last extraction;

And since it hasn't been much fun,

I leave with satisfaction.

D. CARELESS (IV.A).

THE MEET

One day Daddy and I set off to Clifford Chambers to see the beagles meet. They arrived in a trailer covered with a cloth, and they were very pleased to get out. A beagle is like a fox-hound, only very much smaller and with longer ears. The Hunt's master is dressed in light-coloured breeches, a small black cap and a scarlet coat. All the hunters wear light boots for running, and some of them carry long sticks for running and to help them vault hedges and ditches, because they hunt on foot.

We stood upon a hill and watched the hunt. One dog was much faster than the others, and she left them behind, and once the pack caught the scent of two hares. Some of them went after each; so the pack was split, and the whipper-in had a job to get them together again. As we stood watching on the hill, a hare came bounding by, the hounds in close pursuit, baying loudly.

After three hours' hunting the hounds were taken back to their kennels.

CHRISTINE DOWN (I.A.)

SPORTS DAY, 1952

During the week preceding Sports Day, while the customary preparations on the field were being made, day after day brought cool, unsummerlike weather, and all wondered anxiously if the rain which continually threatened would hold off a little longer. When at last July 17th arrived we were favoured with some improvement in the weather and were able to start the events with the usual promptness. Rain soon threatened, but after a short interruption of proceedings, during which all had to take shelter, conditions improved, and the programme was carried through successfully. Competition in all events was keen, and shortly after half past four a most enjoyable Sports Day was brought to an end by the presentation of shields, cups and medals by Mrs. S. Harwood.

RESULTS

(B—Brownies, J—Jackals, T—Tomtits)

OVER FIFTEEN

Boys

- 100 yards.—1, Savage (J); 2, Fogg (B); 3, Miller (B); 4, Goodman (B). (Time: 10.8 secs.)
 220 yards.—1, Savage (J); 2, Fogg (B); 3, Miller (B); 4, Peace (T). (Time: 27.1 sec.)
 440 yards.—1, Savage (J); 2, Fogg (B); 3, Buckley (J); 4, Miller (B). (Time: 1 min. 2.3 secs.)
 Half-mile.—1, Savage (J); 2, Pinfield i (J); 3, Buckley (J); 4, Brazier i (T). (Time: 2 mins. 39.3 secs.)
 Hurdles.—1, Savage (J); 2, Trevor (B); 3, Miller (B); 4, Fogg (B). (Time: 15.6 secs.)
 Obstacle.—1, Savage (J); 2, Peace (T); 3, Buckley (J); 4, Brazier i (T).
 Slow Bicycle.—1, Shakles (T); 2, Cleeton (T); 3, Fogg (B); 4, Malin (J).
 High Jump.—1, Buckley (J); 2, Goodman (B); 3, Savage (J); 4, Aspinwall (T). (Height: 4ft. 7ins.)
 Cross-Country.—1, Fogg (B); 2, Miller (B); 3, Savage (J); 4, Brazier i (T) and Shakles (T). (Time: 27 mins. 1½ secs.)
 The Mile.—1, Savage (J); 2, Miller (B); 3, Fogg (B); 4, Keyte i (J). (Time: 5 mins. 28 secs.)
 Long Jump.—1, Savage (J); 2, Miller (B); 3, Fogg (B); 4, Trevor (B). (Distance: 16ft. 1in.)
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Shakles (T); 2, Buckley (J); 3, Malin (J); 4, Miller (B). (Distance: 81 yards 9 ins.)

GIRLS

100 yards.—1, K. Norton (J); 2, S. Salmons (B); 3, A. Allen (T); 4, S. George (B). (Time: 12.3 secs.)
 220 yards.—1, K. Norton (J); 2, S. Salmons (B); 3, S. George (B); 4, A. Allen (T). (Time: 29 secs.)
 Hurdles.—1, K. Norton (J); 2, M. Salmons (B); 3, D. Mortimore (T); 4, S. Salmons (B). (Time: 14.1 secs.)
 High Jump.—1, S. George (B); 2, M. Salmons (B); 3, K. Norton (J); 4, D. Mortimore (T). (Height: 4ft. 3½ ins.)
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1, S. George (B); 2, W. Lovell (J); 3, S. Taylor (T). (Distance: 53 yards 2 ft.)
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, M. Salmons (B); 2, S. George (B); 3, S. Winspear (J); 4, S. Salmons (B). (Distance: 29 ft. 6½ ins.)
 Obstacle.—1, S. Salmons (B); 2, S. George (B); 3, P. Wellum (T); 4, S. Merris (J).

THIRTEEN—FIFTEEN

Boys

100 yards.—1, Allen (T); 2, Davis (B); 3, Gillett (J); 4, Dormand (J). (Time: 11.5 secs.)
 220 yards.—1, Allen (T); 2, Davis (B); 3, Hartley i (T); 4, Trout (J). (Time: 28.2 secs.)
 Half-mile.—1, Allen (T); 2, Finnemore (B); 3, Davis (B); 4, Hartley i (T). (Time: 2 mins. 33 secs.)
 Slow Bicycle.—1, Broadley (B); 2, Davis (B); 3, Duxbury (T); 4, Oseland (B).
 Obstacle.—1, Hawthorne (B); 2, Dyke i (J); 3, Trout (J); 4, Grummett (T).
 Hurdles.—1, Dormand (J); 2, Gillett (J); 3, Allen (T); 4, Trout (J). (Time: 14.1 secs.)
 High Jump.—1, Gould (J); 2, Bailey (T); 3, Dormand (J); 4, Careless (T). Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.)
 Long Jump.—1, Allen (T); 2, Davis (B); 3, Careless (T); 4, Dormand (J). (Distance: 14 ft. 4½ ins.)
 Cross-Country.—1, Allen (T); 2, Finnemore (B); 3, Davis (B); 4, Vernon (J). (Time: 15 mins. 23 secs.)
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Bates (T); 2, Whittaker (B); 3, Hartley i (T); 4, Milward (B). (Distance: 70 yards 1 ft.)

GIRLS

100 yards.—1, P. O'Nions (J); 2, A. Moss (T); 3, B. Pope (J); 4, P. Draycott (T). (Time: 13.2 secs.)
 160 yards.—1, P. O'Nions (J); 2, B. Pope (J); 3, J. Rawbone (J); 4, P. Draycott (T). (Time: 22.2 secs.)
 Obstacle.—1, J. Smith (J); 2, K. Richards (J); 3, P. Draycott (J); 4, B. Whiting (B).
 High Jump.—1, Y. Beesley (T); 2, B. Whitehouse (B); 3, A. Swinglehurst (B), P. O'Nions (J), B. Pope (J). (Height: 4 ft. 3½ ins.)
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1, A. Lidgley (T); 2, H. Smith (B); 3, H. Horton (B). (Distance: 53 yards 8 ins.)
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, J. Smith (J); 2, E. Mills (T); 3, J. Rawbone (J); 4, R. Highman (J). (Distance: 29 ft. 9½ ins.)
 Hurdles.—1, P. O'Nions (J); 2, B. Pope (J); 3, J. Rawbone (J); 4, P. Draycott (T). (Time: 13 secs.)

UNDER THIRTEEN

Boys

100 yards.—1, Parker (T); 2, Parr (T); 3, Stowe (T); 4, Green (J). (Time: 12.2 secs.)
 220 yards.—1, Parker (T); 2, Parr (T); 3, Stowe (T); 4, Green (J).
 Obstacle.—1, Ludlow (T); 2, Williams (T); 3, Feast ii (J); 4, Parker (T).
 Egg and Spoon.—1, Harris (B); 2, Hancox (B); 3, Feast ii (J); 4, Tatlow (B).
 Sack.—1, Parker (T); 2, Parr (T); 3, Williams (T); 4, Tatlow (B).
 Three-legged.—1, Ludlow and Stowe (T); 2, Cooke ii and Hunt (B); 3, Tatlow and Smith ii (B); 4, Harris and Dyke ii (B).
 High Jump.—1, Brazier ii (J); 2, Green (J); 3, Rouse (J); 4, Ludlow (T). (Height: 4 ft. 1½ ins.)
 Long Jump.—1, Brazier ii (J); 2, Stowe (T); 3, Parr (T); 4, Ludlow (T). (Distance: 12 ft. 4½ ins.)

GIRLS

75 yards.—1, N. Goldby (J); 2, J. Gordon (J); 3, J. Burford (J); 4, J. Bullock (J). (Time: 9.6 secs.)
 High Jump.—1, N. Goldby (J); 2, A. Compson (J); 3, P. Smith (J); 4, M. Norden (B). (Height: 4 ft. 2 ins.)
 Skipping.—1, N. Goldby (J); 2, A. Compson (J); 3, J. Burford (J); 4, G. Richards (J).
 Obstacle.—1, P. Smith (J); 2, G. Richards (J); 3, A. Compson (J); 4, J. Bough (B).
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, N. Goldby (J); 2, J. Burford (J); 3, A. Compson (J); 4, R. Bolt (J). (Distance: 26 ft. 8 ins.)
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1, N. Goldby (J); 2, P. Smith (J); 3, R. Bolt (J). (Distance: 49 yards 2 ft.)

OTHER EVENTS

Tug of War (Boys).—1, Tomtits; 2, Jackals.
 Relay (Boys).—1, Tomtits; 2, Brownies; 3, Jackals.
 Relay (Girls, 13—15).—1, Jackals; 2, Tomtits; 3, Brownies.
 Relay (Girls over 15).—1, Jackals; 2, Brownies; 3, Tomtits.

The following presentations were made:—

Victor Ludorum Cup.—Savage (59 points).
 Victrix Ludorum Cup.—Sheila George (21 points).
 Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup.—Norman Goldby (27 points).
 Bronze Medals.—Buckley, Shakles, Dormand, Parker, Finnemore, Parr, Brazier II,
 Susan Salmons, Margaret Salmons, Jill Smith, Beryl Pope, Ann Compson, Pat
 Smith, Jill Burford.
 Silver Medals.—Savage, Fogg, Miller, Davis, Allen, Kathleen Norton, Sheila George,
 Pamela O'Nions, Norma Goldby.
 Cross-Country Cup.—Tomtits.
 Sports Shield.—Jackals (676 points). Tomtits scored 357 points and Brownies 321
 points.

ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITIONS

The following awards were made:—

Bronze Medals.—Judith Davis, Russell, Mavis Bennett, Patricia Elmore, Drusilla
 Mortimore, Finnemore, Ann Swinglehurst, Maureen Bryan, Mary Bunting.
 Silver Medals.—Valerie Baseley, Jill Bunting, Mortimore.
 "Edith Deans" Trophy.—Margaret Salmons.
 Arts and Crafts Shield.—Brownies.

THE ARCHERS

"Six forty-five, Mum," I call out.
 "All right, I am coming; there's no need to shout."
 I turn on the wireless to the Light Programme,
 And wonder if Christine will marry Trentham.

I wonder what Walter will be up to to-day.
 He always says something wrong—I suppose it's his way;
 And poor Mrs. P. had a terrible fright
 When Walter presented his guy there one night.

Philip and Grace are courting still,
 And Jack and Peggy are at Blossom Hill.
 Dan and Doris were still much the same,
 Until in from Cornwall that dear Barney came.

But hush—here's Phil expressing his views
 Upon this startling, alarming news.
 And now if you wish to continue this tale
 Just listen to-morrow without any fail.

GWYNETH RICHARDS (II.A).

HALLOWE'EN

On the thirty-first it is Hallowe'en,
 There are witches and ghosties to be seen;
 Ghost to the left, and ghosts to the right,
 Walking about in the dead of the night.

Suddenly I sit up in alarm,
 Is that a ghost with his head under arm?
 It is! And as he clanks his chain,
 He starts to groan, again and again.

Now skeletons begin to dance,
 Their bones a-rattling as they prance,
 Their eyes a-gleaming in the night.
 Never before have I seen such a sight.

Then I awake and utter a sigh,
 To think what a silly girl am I.
 To have dwelt so long on the things I have seen,
 When I know full well it was Hallowe'en.

JILL BURFORD (II.A).

OXFORD EXAMINATIONS FOR GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

In the examinations held in July, the following pupils obtained certificates :—

VIIth Form (2nd and 3rd years)

A—Advanced level.

O—Ordinary level.

P. M. E. Aspinwall, *French (O), English Literature (starred paper)*; A. J. Bradley, *French (A), Pure Mathematics (A), Applied Mathematics (A)*; C. E. Buckley, *Physics (A), Chemistry (A)*; B. J. Druller, *English (A), Latin (A), French (O)*; P. M. Gowers, *Pure Mathematics (A), Applied Mathematics (A), Physics (A), French (O)*; M. J. Kempster, *English (A), Latin (A)*; D. Mortimore, *Biology (O)*; R. C. Warburton, *Chemistry (A), French (O), Biology (O)*.

VIIIth Form (1st Year)

All ordinary level.

M. E. Fogg, *French, Biology*; J. A. W. Savage, *French*.

IXth Form

All ordinary level.

J. A. K. V. Aalbrecht, *Art, Mathematics, Domestic Subjects*; V. D. A. Allen, *English Language, English Literature*; N. C. Blake, *English Language, French Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry*; R. M. Bolt, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. E. M. Buggins, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry*; M. Bunting, *English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology*; D. J. Busby, *English Language*; V. Butcher, *English Literature, French, Art, Mathematics, Biology*; T. E. Davies, *English Language, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. C. Dixon, *English Literature*; D. M. Dunnett, *English Language*; J. A. Edwards, *English Language, English Literature*; W. H. L. Feast, *History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry*; S. A. Gibson, *History*; J. E. Gilchrist, *English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Domestic Subjects*; L. G. Goodman, *History, Mathematics, Chemistry*; S. A. Gregory, *English Language, English Literature, Art, Domestic Subjects*; S. A. Hall, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Geography, Mathematics*; P. J. Harris, *English Language, English Literature, Biology*; J. B. Hemming, *English Literature*; K. J. Highman, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, Art, Mathematics*; G. D. Holmes, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Chemistry, Biology*; S. W. Ireson, *English Language, English Literature, History, Art, Biology*; J. A. D. Lane, *English Language, Art*; P. Lane, *English Language, English Literature*; W. M. Lovell, *Art*; R. M. Malin, *English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; C. R.

Mortimore, *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; P. J. Norden, *Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. Palmer, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Mathematics*; M. J. Paxton, *French, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology*; J. E. Peace, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; M. F. Peach, *English Literature*; B. N. Phillips, *Mathematics*; R. Pinfield, *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; D. N. S. Russell, *English Language, History, Geography*; M. M. Russell, *Mathematics*; A. Shuter, *English Language*; B. M. Stanford, *English Language, English Literature*; M. Taylor, *English Language, Art, Mathematics*; W. J. Trevor, *English Language, English Literature*; A. M. Turner, *Art*; E. J. M. Walton, *English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics*; B. Watton, *Geography, Art*; B. J. Wesson, *English Language, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. Wilcox, *Art, Mathematics*; C. A. Wigington, *English Language, English Literature, History, Art*; P. Williams, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, Domestic Subjects*; J. Winspear, *Art*; M. A. Woodfield, *English Literature, Art*; R. W. J. Wright, *English Literature, History, Geography, Art, Mathematics, Biology*.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

This Autumn Term has seen an astounding change in our membership and savings. During the week of September 29th to October 4th we participated in the nation-wide drive for recruitment of members in schools, and as a result our membership jumped from 62 to 170. As honorary secretary I should particularly like to thank Mr. Davison for the part he played in personally signing nearly 300 forms for distribution, and also those parents who signed and returned the tear-off slips. It was very gratifying that 87 per cent of the letters to parents were answered, whether the people concerned wished to join or not.

Since October 4th we have seen some hectic Friday dinner hours. Twice we sold more than our quota of stamps before an increased supply arrived; we must now start selling promptly at one o'clock or we do not finish before 1.35 p.m.; we need another prefect to organise a queue so that sales are rapid and members not too impatient. But how much more satisfying this all is! From March 31st to September 30th we saved £48 11s. 6d. In six weeks from October 1st we had saved £102 11s. 6d., so the recruiting week response was no flash in the pan!

Please remember that there is no NEED to purchase CERTIFICATES. Money saved in stamps can be cashed at the Post Office, or entered into a Post Office Savings Account. If you wish to save only sixpence a week, do join our group. It helps you, and it helps your country.

MISS YOUNG (Hon. Secretary).

THE AEROMODELLING CLUB

There are now twenty-five members of the club, all busy constructing various types of model aeroplanes. The usual prize of a construction kit will be given at the end of the Christmas term.

There is one member who is interested in Radio; he is busy testing a "vibrator" set in order to produce high voltage from a six-volt accumulator.

SCOUTS

Only a certain number of "tenderfeet" scouts were allowed to join this term. All scouts will wear full uniform every Friday, and it is hoped that full scouting activities can be pursued. The District Commissioner honoured us by paying two visits on consecutive Fridays during the period this report covers. The patrol names have been altered to the Buffaloes, Beavers, Bulldogs, Wolves, and patrol flags have been obtained.

M. WHITTAKER.

CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le cercle français a repris ses activités, avec de nouveaux membres; activités très variées qui s'étendent de la simple conversation sur la France aux répétitions théâtrales.

Après un voyage imaginaire en Bretagne, pays des légendes et du roi Arthur, nous avons joué au jeu des vingt questions, auquel M. Bastow, le dentiste, et son salon ambulancier ont souvent participé sans le savoir. Tout le monde a répété avec plaisir la pièce de théâtre, "Murder at the Hairdresser's," qui ressemble beaucoup à Hamlet en ce sens que tout le monde meurt à la fin.

Pour les mois à venir nous avons beaucoup de projets, mais ceci est une autre histoire dont nous vous parlerons dans le prochain bulletin.

PAUL LEROY.

ARMY CADETS

This term the School unit of the Army Cadet Force was re-formed with a membership of nineteen. Boys will be trained for the War Office Certificate "A" examinations, and it is hoped that they will be able to take Part 1 at the end of the first year and Part 2 at the end of the second. There will be an annual camp, normally in late July.

The training, which is organised and recognised by Service authorities, is of great value to the boy during his period of National Service, and helps him whether he joins the Navy, the Army or the Air Force.

It is emphasised that no liability whatsoever is incurred in respect of National Service by accepting this training. Uniform and almost all items of equipment are supplied free.

D. McALISTER.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Scientific Society was formed this term, under the direction of Mr. Thornton. The Society consists of seventeen members, taken from the Third Form upwards. A committee of five was elected, with Keyte ii. as chairman.

The activity of the Society is not doing experiments, as many members hoped, but preparing and giving lectures about different scientific topics. Already this term lectures have been given by Duxbury, Sollis, Bailey, Lewis, Keyte ii and myself.

Mr. Thornton has arranged for the school dentist to bring us a film and to give a lecture on teeth.

M. FINNEMORE (Secretary).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President—Feast i.

Treasurer—Goward.

Social Secretary—M. Taylor.

Secretary—Savage i.

The meetings this term are being held in the Geography Room, which appears to have become our permanent headquarters since we had to leave V.A room.

At our first meeting the officers for the next twelve months were elected. This was followed by a short play reading, "Augustus in Search of a Father," which was used mainly for trying out our new talent.

Since then meetings have been entirely devoted to the production of the school play, "Mystery at Greenfingers," by J. B. Priestley, a full account of which will appear in the next magazine.

The society has thus been divided into two camps, the actors and the stage hands. The weeks preceding the play have been rather hectic for both sides, to say nothing of our Staff producer, Miss Young, but we feel sure that under her firm guidance everything will once more be a great success. So we look forward to seeing you all on December 18th, 19th or 20th at the Youth Hut, Alcester.

T. SAVAGE.

NETBALL

So far this term we have played only two matches—one against Studley College, who had a much better team than last year; however, we managed to defeat them by a good margin. The other was against Evesham, which we also won. Up to half-term there were netball practices after school on Tuesdays. Since then practices have been held during Tuesday dinner-hours. We have many promising players, but they have not had any opportunity to show their skill. The match against N.F.U. was cancelled because they were unable to form a team.

The first seven has been: M. Salmons, S. Merris, S. Salmons, S. Devey, S. Winspear, S. George, K. Norton.

RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st VII. v. Studley College (home), won, 21—8.

A.G.S. "A" VII. v. Evesham P.H.G.S. "A" VII. (home), won, 17—11.

K. N.

FOOTBALL*Captain* : Savage i.*Vice-Captain* : Peace.*Secretary* : Feast i.

At the beginning of this term we were very unlucky in having only five members of last year's team left. The opening match against Chipping Campden was played after only one practice match, and lack of understanding between the players lost us the match. Against Bromsgrove the defence played brilliantly in the first half to keep the score down to two, but in the second half we tired rapidly and Bromsgrove piled on the pressure to gain an easy victory. Faulty marking cost us the games against Redditch and Hanley Castle, but this fault has since been remedied. Against Stratford N.F.U. the forwards really came into their own, swinging the ball about and running rings round the older players. Stratford were very unlucky to lose their centre-forward with an injury midway through the game, but we felt we fully deserved our victory.

Practice matches this term have taken place every Thursday evening, and the selection committee of Mr. Ames, Mr. Bell, Savage, Peace and Feast i have met every Monday in the Music Room.

The school this term has been represented by Cleeton, Feast i, Aspinwall, Lane, Allen, Grummett, Bates, Peace, Malin, Trout, Trevor, Bolt ii, Shakes, Davis and Savage i.

RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st XI.	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 2—4.
"	v. Bromsgrove C.H.S. (away), lost, 0—12.
"	v. Hanley Castle G.S. (away), lost, 1—4.
"	v. Redditch C.H.S. (home), lost, 1—4.
"	v. Stratford N.F.U. (away), won, 3—1.
"	v. Redditch C.H.S. (away), lost, 1—6.
"	v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), lost, 1—8.

*J. A. W. S.***HOCKEY***Captain* : P. Aspinwall.*Vice-Captain* : W. Lovell.*Secretary* : P. Elmore.

This term practices were held as usual after school on Thursdays until November, when, owing to the loss of Summer Time, we were unable to continue. These practices were enthusiastically attended, especially by some members of the Third and Fourth forms.

In October the first eleven again attended the Inter-Schools Rally at Birmingham, and this year won all matches played, beating Stoke Park, Coventry, Olton Convent, and George Dixon G.S., in the first round, K.E.G.S. Camp Hill in the semi-final, and Erdington G.S. in the final. As a result of this we became joint Junior Champions of Warwickshire with Sutton High School, who won on the previous Saturday of the Rally. We would like to extend our congratulations to S. Devey on being selected for County Trials.

In other matches this term we have been quite successful. Apart from losing our opening match to Chipping Campden, the first eleven have won four matches and drawn one, the latter being against Ragley Ladies, and resulting in a very even and well-contested game. The second eleven, owing to cancellation, has only had one match, against Hugh Clopton, and this was won by eight goals to one.

The first eleven has been represented by the following : B. Druller, P. Elmore; A. Lidgely, S. George; S. Winspear, P. Aspinwall, K. Richards; S. Devey, W. Lovell, S. Salmons, P. O'nions, M. Bennett.

The second eleven has been represented by the following : S. Taylor; B. Pope, M. Bunting; A. Davis, C. Brazier, S. Merris; R. Highman, J. Smith, A. Swinglehurst, J. Dixon, M. Salmons.

RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st XI.	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 2—3.
"	v. Leamington College (home), won, 4—1.
"	v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (away), won, 8—0.
"	v. Worcester G.S. 2nd XI. (home), won, 8—0.
"	v. Ragley Ladies (away), drawn, 1—1.
"	v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), won, 4—0.
A.G.S. 2nd XI.	v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (away), won, 8—1.

P. A.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS

The following details were not available for the July magazine:—

CRICKET

A.G.S. 1st XI.	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 96—175 for 4.
"	v. Hanley Castle G.S. (home), lost, 47—134 for 5.
"	v. Worcester J.T.C. (home), drawn, 78 for 8—66 for 7.
"	v. Old Scholars (home), lost, 105—125 for 3.
SIDES:	Tomtits beat Jackals; Jackals beat Brownies; Tomtits beat Brownies.
SIDES (Junior):	Tomtits beat Jackals; Jackals beat Brownies; Tomtits beat Brownies.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
A.G.S. 1st XI.	12	2	8	2

TENNIS

A.G.S. 1st VI.	v. Alcester Tennis Club (home), lost, 2 sets to 7 sets.
"	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), won, 7 sets to 2 sets.
"	v. Leamington College (home), won, 7 sets to 2 sets.
"	v. Old Scholars (home), lost, 3 sets to 6 sets.
"	v. Beoley Tennis Club (away), won, 7 sets to 2 sets.
SIDES:	Jackals 8 sets, Tomtits 1 set; Jackals 5 sets, Brownies 4 sets; Brownies 7 sets, Tomtits 2 sets.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost
A.G.S. 1st VI.	12	6	6

ROUNDERS

A.G.S. 1st IX.	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), won, 10½—2.
"	v. Leamington College 1st IX. (home), won, 10½—2.
A.G.S. 2nd IX.	v. Leamington College 2nd IX. (home), won, 3—1½.
SIDES:	Brownies 7½, Tomtits ½; Jackals 7½, Tomtits 6½; Brownies 5, Jackals 1.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost
A.G.S. 1st IX.	7	5	2
A.G.S. 2nd IX.	3	3	—

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